Attention FDA

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It came to my attention that the FDA is being asked to take away my right to sign a medical waiver before purchasing a hearing aid. Instead I would be forced to have a medical exam or hearing test. Here's my views and/or experiences on several related questions?

1. Should I be forced to have a medical exam and/or hearing test before purchasing a hearing aid? If so, should the FDA pay for the exam?

I certainly do not wish to be forced to have a medical exam or hearing test before I purchase a hearing aid. But if the FDA insists this must be done then let them pay for it.

2. Some people are physically unable to drive to a doctor or hearing specialist, or have had bad experiences they don't want to repeat. For instance...

We live 30 miles from a town. My husband and I are in our 80's so it is difficult for us for us to always ma ke the drive.

3. Should the FDA take away my Constitutional Right, affirmed by the Supreme Court, to decide for myself my medical exams and treatment?

NO! I should be able to decide for myself if I should have a medical exam or treatment!

4. Should I be allowed to purchase hearing aids by mail as I choose?

Yes, I certainly should.

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